

ZION

New Evangelical Lutheran Edifice at Chattanooga

To Be Dedicated Sunday—Interesting Day and Evening Program Arranged for Event.

Next Sunday, May 13th, the new church of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation at Chattanooga, Liberty township, will be dedicated to the service of the Triune God. And the members of the congregation desire to extend a cordial invitation to all their friends and acquaintances to come and rejoice with them in the fact that an undertaking which required many difficulties and required many sacrifices has, by the blessing of God, been successfully finished, and that the members of Zion's congregation at last possess a worthy and beautiful house of worship.

The following is the order of the Dedication services:

9:30 a. m.—A brief fare-well service in the old church.

9:45 a. m.—Formal sermon by Rev. J. F. C. Soller of Youngstown, O., and an English sermon by Rev. H. J. Schuch of Anna, O.

2:00 p. m.—Afternoon Service—Rev. Geo. Hans, of Napoleon, O., will preach the German and Rev. Paul Brockhaus of Oak Lawn, Ill., the English sermon.

8:00 p. m. Evening Service—Rev. L. Locher of Monroa, O., and Rev. W. N. Emch, of Fort Recovery, O., will be the speakers, both in the English language.

Beside the congregational singing, which is in itself an essential feature in every Lutheran service, there will be special singing by various choirs, viz.: the Mixed Choir and the Male Choir of Zion's church, the Male Sextet of St. John's church, Celina, O., and the Male Choir of St. Paul's church of Liberty township.

The time designated is Sun time.

Dinner and supper will be served in the basement of the new church for the nominal cost of 25c. a meal.

Additional services will be held on Monday and Tuesday evenings, Rev. C. F. Reitz, of Celina, O., will preach on Monday evening and Rev. H. N. Brobst, of Coldwater, O., on Tuesday evening.

The organist, Miss Bernice Heffner, will be assisted on the pipe organ by Miss Clara Sunderman of Ft. Recovery and by Mrs. Rev. Brobst, of Coldwater.

May God grant his blessings to these services to all who will be present.

PRIZES

To Stimulate Boys and Girls in Garden Work—Local Firm's Generous Offer

[By Roy Jenkins, County Food Commissioner.]

Sunshine makes a person think of garden work these days and when the ground is fit for planting, garden truck will be looked after.

It will be safe, soon, to set out the different plants.

A number of lots are ready for the boys and girls to begin their planting as soon as the soil is dry and the children who have no ground for gardens will be assigned to these lots.

A number of the children who are using the back yards have done some planting, but the boy or girl who plants soon will have no reason to complain.

A number of prizes will be given to the children who join in the garden work and keep a record of their work in a daily record book used for this purpose. You must keep up this record book if allowed to compete for the prizes.

This is a partial list of prizes that will be offered from time to time on different garden products:

	1st	2nd
Potatoes, one peck.....	\$1 00	50
Onions, one bunch.....	50	25
Turnips, one peck.....	50	25
Radishes, one bunch.....	50	25
Celery, one bunch.....	50	25
Peas, one pint.....	50	25
Corn, 6 ears.....	50	25
Tomatoes, one peck.....	50	25
Carrots, one peck.....	50	25
Parasols, one peck.....	50	25

The Model Milling Company has offered to help any boy or girl to get seed or plants for their gardens.

It will be necessary for you to make out your want list and let me go over it before presenting it to the Model Milling Company.

The Dull Bros. should be highly commended for this generous gift to the young gardeners.

JUST DRUNK AND DISORDERLY

Roy Shively was arrested by Marshal Duncan last Saturday night for being drunk and disorderly. He pleaded guilty before Mayor Scranton Sunday morning and was fined \$5 and costs. He settled.

DIP NETS GET FISHERMEN IN TROUBLE

A. Seigrist and Tony Kahlig, Jr., living near Ft. Recovery, were arrested by Game Warden Millard and Leininger last Monday for having dip nets in their possession. They were fishing at the reservoir in this city when apprehended. They were taken before Justice of the Peace Rice and gave bond for their appearance at trial tomorrow (Saturday) morning.

PROBABLY WANTED THEM IN THEIR BUSINESS

A. Myers, of Greenville, and Mat Burt, of this city, were arrested by Marshal Duncan last Saturday afternoon, on an affidavit filed by W. H. Copeland, who conducts a dry cleaning establishment on West Fayette street, charging them with stealing a couple of razors. They were both found guilty at a hearing before Mayor Scranton last Monday morning and were each fined \$5 and costs and sentenced to thirty days in the Dayton workhouse.

THEFT CHARGE NOT SUSTAINED

Mrs. Vincent Romeo, of this city, was arrested by Marshal Duncan last Saturday afternoon on an affidavit filed by Manager L. A. Cooper, of the Metropole Theatre, charging her with stealing a diamond ring. She pleaded not guilty before Mayor Scranton and after a preliminary hearing was released because of lack of evidence to sustain the charge.

FIRST CALL

To Arms Means That About 145 Men Of Old Mercer Must Shoulder A Muzzle

Adjutant General George B. Wood

in discussing the new conscription army bill has predicted that Ohio's quota of the number required for the first army to be raised will be about 25,000 men. He computes this on the basis of the state's representation in congress. General Wood declared that immediate action would be taken looking to the following out of the Federal orders pertaining to conscription in the registration of eligible men.

Based upon the population of Ohio in the last Federal census of 1910, which was 4,767,121, and the 25,000 estimate of General Wood, the proportion would be one soldier out of every 199 of the state's population. The 1910 census shows Mercer county to have a population of 27,536, which would make the county's quota to the aggregate of 25,000, under the first call about 145 men. Celina would furnish 18 men.

AGE LIMIT

Finally Settled Upon by Congress, and Roosevelt's Volunteer Division Goes Glimmering

Washington, May 10—The long deadlock of Senate and House conference on the selective draft military bill was broken today with agreement on a compromise measure which a great army would be raised by selective conscription of men between the ages of 21 and 31.

Authorization for recruiting Colonel Roosevelt's proposed volunteer division for service in France, written into the bill by the Senate and defended stubbornly by the Senate conferees finally was thrown out. In turn the House yielded to the Senate's proposal for prohibition at military posts.

The conference report is expected to be given approval by both Senate and House in a few days, and within two weeks after the President has affixed his signature registration of those eligible for conscription will be under way throughout the country. Some States already have selected their registration boards and the War Department has erected a vast and intricate war machine for assigning and organizing the conscripts. They will be assembled at training camps in September.

Favored by General Staff
The compromise bill is understood to be generally satisfactory to the administration and to the army general staff on whose advice the original measure was framed.

The most important change made in Congress was in the age limits, fixed by the staff at 19 and 45, inclusive. The Senate made them 21 and 27 and the House 21 and 40. The ages named in the conference agreement are 21 and 30, inclusive, making the draft applicable to all male voters under 31.

SCHOOL

Children of Van Wert Will Picnic at Celina on June 14, Flag Day

The annual picnic for the children of Van Wert will be celebrated on Flag Day, June 14, at the Grand Reservoir, Celina. It is expected that fully one thousand children will enjoy this free outing. Messrs. J. P. Sharkey and Willard Pennell are now listing the names of the automobile owners who will contribute their cars for the occasion.—Van Wert Bulletin.

The Van Wert children were given an outing in this city last year. Plans should be made by the local business men's association to see that they are properly received here and accorded the keys to the city. Why not have one of the aviators from the Aviation school entertain them with a little phenomenal flying, hire the Celina Boys' Band to make merry with music, dish them out free lemonade and the like. It's worth it. They'll enjoy it, and never forget the occasion.

The trip as planned by the Van Wert people is a very commendable procedure and a big treat for the "kiddies." Let's make it memorable.

CREDIT

Goes to Coldwater for Biggest Increase in Return

Of Personal Property—Granville Leads in Townships and Black-creek Tails Procession.

Mercer County tax payers placed heavier valuations on their personal property this year, when called on to do so voluntarily, than in 1916, or any previous year, when assessors visited them and listed their belongings and in a majority of the townships and corporations more returns were made than ever before.

This is indicated by unofficial tabulation of returns by Auditor Steinbrunner and his assistants.

Districts	No. Returns	1916	1917	Valuation	1916	1917	Gains
Blackcreek	322	310	310	\$759,870	\$750,710		
Butler	308	320	320	678,370	713,770		\$35,400
Coldwater	228	280	280	678,280	839,480		161,200
Center	298	328	328	363,300	370,670		7,370
Dublin	322	339	340	34,780	35,180		400
Rockford	241	278	278	424,070	474,270		50,200
Celina	672	712	712	1,692,110	1,773,232		81,120
Franklin, including Monteville	212	240	240	420,700	437,800		17,100
Granville, including Burkettsville and St. Henry	439	467	467	880,700	958,950		78,250
Gibson	211	253	253	263,650	306,350		42,700
Ft. Recovery	259	285	285	463,130	496,740		33,610
Hopewell	321	321	321	667,890	696,720		28,830
Liberty	379	380	380	573,580	584,160		10,580
Marion, including Chickasaw	420	408	408	725,850	771,920		46,070
Recovery	211	208	208	432,100	478,020		35,920
Union	298	316	316	981,660	1,009,460		27,800
Mendon	118	134	134	180,720	183,120		2,400
Washington	382	382	382	555,610	560,860		5,250
Jefferson	215	274	274	766,570	809,500		42,930

*Blackcreek, loss \$9,160.

OLD FORCE

Of Teacher Re-employed for Coming School Year by the Celina Board of Education

The local board of education, meeting last Friday, re-employed the following corps of teachers as Superintendent J. W. Pogue's assistants for the next school term:

High School
Principal—Miss Fern Raudabaugh.
LeRoy Jenkins.
Commercial Course—J. W. Van Deusen.

English—Mary Braddock.
Mathematics—Harriet Bretz.
Latin—Edith Raudabaugh.

Special
Agriculture and Manual Training—LeRoy Jenkins.
Art—Maude Collins.
Domestic Science—Lela Crockett.
Music—W. L. West.

West Building
First Grade—Elizabeth Cook.
Second Grade—Leona Winter.
Third Grade—Claudia Kenney.
Fourth Grade—Belva Dine.
Fifth Grade—Elma Mowery.
Sixth Grade—Ruth Cotterman.
Seventh Grade—Katherine Hight.
Eighth Grade—H. E. Murlin.

East Building
Principal—W. H. Thoms.
First Grade—Katherine Cook.
Second Grade—Naomi Pennig.
Third Grade—Emma Karr.
Fourth Grade—Freda Weisman and Rowena Hight.
Fifth Grade—Mary Langel.
Sixth Grade—Mabel Andrews.
Seventh and Eighth Grades—W. H. Thoms.

Dan Creeden was appointed as janitor of the west building and Isaac Schwab as janitor for the east building.

FINAL DECREE

In Famous Cases Were Closed for All Time by Judge Miller Last Saturday

The final decree in the famous Randolph slave cases was written by Common Pleas Judge Miller last Saturday morning at his home, south of Chattanooga, following a short illness. Death was due to heart trouble.

Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Baker, and one of a family of six children. She was born in Shelby county in 1845, and came with her parents to this county in 1853.

She was married to Mr. Bollenbacher, aged 72 years, wife of former County Commissioner Charles Bollenbacher, of Liberty township, died Wednesday morning at her home, south of Chattanooga, following a short illness. Death was due to heart trouble.

Findings that plaintiffs have failed to sustain the averments of their first amended petition and that the claims and demands of plaintiffs are null and void. First amended petition of plaintiffs dismissed at their costs.

BROCK

Of Celina Aviation School to Perform Stunts

At the Cincinnati Speedway Auto Races on Decoration Day With Other Noted Sky Pilots.

B. Ward Beam returned from Dayton, Ohio, last week highly elated over his success in a meeting with the Directors of the Cincinnati Speedway in placing Aviator Billy Brock, along with the most famous aviators in the country to appear in sensational aerial feats, over the Cincinnati Speedway, the day of the big races, Decoration Day, May 30.

Those widely known, daring aerial artists to appear with Aviator Brock are Ruth Law, Katherine Stinson and Baxter Adams.

These four aviators are contracted to do their daring feats of Looping-the-Loop, flying side-down, making head-first dives and every trick known to aviation.

Billy Brock will be accorded the greatest honor of the day when he carries as passengers two of the world's greatest auto race drivers—Ralph DePalma and Ralph Mulford—both having already signed to accompany him. In addition to the above program Aviator Brock will race the winner of the International 250 mile auto race for the speed championship of the world.

Aviator Brock is chief instructor in the Beam School of Aviation and not only bears the distinction of being the youngest looping aviator in the United States, but is also one of the youngest instructors. Those who have taken his course all agree that his system of instruction is one of the most thorough and complete given by any school.

Celina should be more than proud of the fact that within her domain resides an aviator of such world-wide repute.

Special train service to Cincinnati on Decoration Day has already been arranged for and hundreds from this city and vicinity are expected to witness the big races and Billy Brock in the grandest day of his aerial career.

SOMETHING DOING BEFORE BIG RACES

[Cincinnati Enquirer, May 8]

With the addition of "Billy" Brock the noted Ohio aviator, to the list of flyers who will give graphic reproductions of air battles previous to the big race, Chairman Billy Welton, of the Aviation Committee, announces that the quartet of bird-men engaged for this feature is the greatest ever gathered together in the middle west. Ruth Law, world's woman champion, Katherine Stinson, star of two continents, and Baxter Adams, America's leading male exhibition flyer, the other three aviators engaged for this occasion will, with Brock, stage a series of aeroplane exhibitions that will be original and thrilling in the extreme.

CLEVELAND

Roosters Will Visit Celina on Next Thursday Morning, Coming Over L. E. & W.

The Manufacturers and Wholesale Merchants Board of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce will present the business advantage of Cleveland to Celina merchants when they visit this city Thursday, the 17th on their 45th Trade Extension Excursion over Northwestern Ohio.

The Cleveland contingent will arrive in this city from St. Marys in a special train on the Lake Erie & Western at 9:27 a. m. They will spend one hour here, leaving at 10:27 over the Cincinnati Northern for Van Wert.

EX-GOVERNOR FORAKER DEAD

Joseph Benson Foraker, former United States Senator and twice Governor of Ohio died at his home, Madison and Gradin roads, Cincinnati, Thursday morning.

Although in ill health for some time Mr. Foraker was able to be at his office daily until a week ago last Monday.

RECONCILIATION STOPS NON-SUPPORT ACTION

Charles Frantz, of Montezuma, was arrested at Dayton last week by Marshal Duncan and brought to this city to answer to a charge of non-support, filed by his wife. He pleaded not guilty before Squire Rice last Friday and was bound over to court in the sum of \$300. Unable to furnish bond he was sent to jail.

The non-support charge against Charles Frantz, arrested at Dayton last week by Marshal Duncan, was dismissed last Monday, when the case came up for hearing before Probate Judge Younger, Mr. and Mrs. Frantz effecting a reconciliation. Frantz has secured a job at the furniture factory. They will move to this city, from Coldwater, in the near future.

OLD BOOZE GETS DONOVAN'S GOAT

Real Estate Agent Oat Donovan drew a fine of \$5 and costs last Friday afternoon for being drunk and disorderly, when he was arraigned before Mayor Scranton, after spending the night and day sobering up in the city bastille. Donovan, it is reported, threatened to kill his wife and son, while intoxicated, last Thursday night. Neighbors were aroused by the commotion and called Night Policeman Heistman. When the officer arrived at the house, he asserted, Donovan was threatening to cut off his wife's finger to secure a diamond ring, which she was wearing.

NEAR CIVIL WAR PRIZES

Wheat in Cincinnati Wednesday reached \$3.29 a bushel at the Grain and Hay Exchange of the Chamber of Commerce.

This is 25 cents a bushel below the highest point reached in Cincinnati during the Civil War.

The Flour Committee of the Chamber of Commerce raised the wholesale price of flour 75 cents a barrel to \$14.75 a barrel for top grades, which is also a record high figure.

FIFTY DOLLARS AND COSTS FOR ABUSING ANIMAL

Virgil Disher, of near Macedon, Washington township, mention of whose arrest for cruelty to animals was made in these columns last week, was fined \$50 and costs, after a trial in Squire Frick's court, at Coldwater, last Friday. Disher was charged with cruel treatment towards a colt belonging to J. P. Long, of Coldwater, which resulted in its death.

PUNISHMENT

For Those Who Murder Her Citizens and Not Lust of Conquest the Desire of America

By a big vote the Congress of the United States has agreed to "Conscription." This means a draft of men to fight. War is spreading over the world. Uncle Sam has taken the plunge and is in. The lash of blood and tears seem just ahead. The time is here to make a contribution to our country.

Peace has hovered over us these many years. We forget to appreciate its blessings. We rudely awakened. Congress and the President have spoken war. Their will is the Nation's will. No pink tea party, but war stern and harsh, cruel and red, is the verdict of the men-up-head.

America draws the sword to fight a righteous cause. America would dishonor name and fame of Columbus, Washington, Lincoln, if too cowardly to protect and defend her citizens the world round. Uncle Sam should hide in shame if he did not bring punishment swift and sure to those who murder his men, women and children.

We have no desire to mix in Old World feuds and fights. But when these mad, crazed bulls of war hit and shoot Americans they hit and shoot America. That means all of us.

Men of parties have united. One flag, one country. No division on question of loyalty to America. Shoot the Shylock who attempts to take his pound of flesh while the boys furnish the death-rattle on field of battle to save the nation. Win the war is the task ahead. Gather gold and tinkle greed when skies are clear, not while clouds darken Columbia's fairest land.

The Dove of Peace has flown. 'Ere it returns, let us hope that from the head of Czars and Emperors, Kings and Autocrats, crowns will have fallen.

Red, White and Blue, we are for you against any foe.—Put Sandles in Ottawa Sentinel.

CHEAPER

Seed Potatoes Promised Mercer County Farmers If Enough Get Interested

Providing enough farmers of the county will make requisition for cheaper seed potatoes to justify the matter, a car load of potatoes will be delivered to Mercer County farmers by direction of the National Defense Bureau, at \$3.00 per bushel, or probably a bit less, according to Mr. Mesloh of the Bureau, who yesterday told The Democrat he was desirous of securing a car for our farmers. The matter is being brought up at meetings of the Bureau in the county this week, and through the business men of this city. Requisition for as many bushels as could be used should be made at once to Mr. Mesloh, County Food Commissioner Jenkins or the district representative of the Food Commissioner in your territory.

The Bureau will guarantee that the shipment will be the best obtainable variety of late potatoes. Get busy, Mr. Farmer, and make known the quantity you will use for late planting.

WASHINGTON H. S. PLAY AND COMMENCEMENT

"The Toastmaster," a college comedy in three acts, under direction of Bess Wilt will be given at the Washington township High School, by the Senior Class, tomorrow, Saturday evening. Admission 10 and 20 cents.

The commencement exercises of the Washington township High School will be held next Thursday evening.

DEATH

Of Little Child Add Sorrow to Funeral Party

Ft. Recovery Auto Hit by Traction Car at Lima—Several of Party Slightly Hurt.

[Ft. Recovery Journal]
Robert B. Zehringer, four months old child of Mr. and Mrs. John Zehringer, of this place, was hurled to almost instant death Tuesday afternoon, at Lima, when an automobile and street car met head-on.

The occupants of the auto were Mr. and Mrs. John Zehringer and infant son; Wm. and Mrs. Henry Zehringer, Mrs. Agnes Schneider, Mrs. Geo. Gebel and E. J. Woeste, the latter being driver.

All of them were severely shaken up, and witnesses state that their escape from more serious injury was very narrow. Mrs. Gebel was severely bruised and cut about the head, four stitches being required to close the wounds. William Zehringer was cut above the eye by glass from the windshield and the others received minor injuries. The machine, which belonged to Leo Wagner, was badly mangled.

The party had attended the funeral of Mrs. Robert Roesner and were planning to start for home after making a short stop in the business part of the city. They were driving north on Main street, near St. John Catholic church, with the left wheels of the auto running on the pavement between the car tracks. The approaching street car was seen and the driver at once attempted to turn the machine from the track, but it was impossible for the tires to grip the wet paving in time to avoid the crash.

The violence of the collision hurled the child from the arms of Mrs. George Gebel, to the pavement and showered pieces of the windshield over the occupants. The baby was taken to the office of a nearby doctor but lived only a few minutes.

Robert was born at Greenville, O., December 30, 1916, and was aged four months and nine days. His untimely death is felt most deeply by his parents and relatives, and the fatal accident has cast a gloom over the many friends of the family.

The grief-stricken party arrived from Lima about 8:30 Tuesday evening, and the funeral was held at the Catholic church Thursday morning.

DAN CUPID ACTIVE

Perry Wyson, of Dayton, and Miss Frances Harrison, of Montezuma, were quietly wedded by Rev. Lance, at the M. E. church parsonage last Monday morning. They left in the afternoon for their future home at Dayton where the groom is employed.

Former Postmaster J. W. McKee, of this city, and Miss Mayme Churchill, of Cincinnati, were united in marriage on the 30th ult. at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Wm. Kleinman, at Cincinnati. They will shortly be "at home" on East Fulton street. The bride is well known in this city, having been a frequent visitor with Mrs. Emma Kloeb.

Elmer H. LaFollette, of Jay County, Indiana, and Miss Adda Hillyer, of Ft. Recovery, were united in marriage by Mayor Scranton at his office last Saturday evening. They will reside on a farm in Jay County, just across the State Line.

Charles Bader, of Dayton and Miss Esmeralda Cottrell, of Center township, were quietly united in marriage at the bride's home last Monday, Rev. Reitz, of the Lutheran church of this city, officiating. The groom was formerly a resident of this city, but is now employed at Dayton.

Mr. Abner W. Davis and Miss Beulah Mary Desch were quietly united in marriage at the Catholic church, in this city at six o'clock last Monday morning, Rev. Ernest Hefel, celebrating the nuptial mass.

The young couple were attended by Oscar Maehlin and Miss Ruth Desch, a sister of the bride.

Following the ceremony, the wedding party went to the home of the bride's parents where a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served. Besides the wedding party the guests included Rev. and Mrs. Carl Plummer, of Ft. Recovery.

The groom is a son of John Davis, a former Celina resident, and is a hustling and capable young man. For several years he was connected with the reporting staff of the Phoenix, Arizona, Republican, while a resident of that city. Since returning to this city he has been working with his grandfather, Frank VanWormer, at his trade as a shoemaker.

The bride is the winsome and highly accomplished daughter of Councilman and Mrs. J. W. Desch, West Market street. For several years she was one of the teachers in the Celina Business College.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis left on the nine

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An award of \$5 a week for six years has been made by the state industrial commission to John Newman of Coldwater, whose son, William Newman, member of company K of St. Mary's was accidentally killed on a linehaul in a Wapakoneta industrial plant.